Seer's Prophecy Comes True

Lives in Husband's Shadow

Little-Known Mme. de Gaulle 'Almost Queen'

PARIS (UPI) — The new First Lady of France once was told by a fortune-teller, "You shall be almost Queen." As the wife of Charles de Gaulle, the nearest thing France has had to a monarch in 100 years, she almost is. Yet she is scarcely known.

Yvonne de Gaulle, daughter of an old mercantile family of Calais, prefers virtual anonymity. A slight, dark-haired woman with deep grey eyes, still remarkably pretty at 58, she has lived in her husband's shadow for 38 years.

Now mistress of the 250-year-old Elysee Palace, which had been without a first lady since the death of Madame Rene Coty in 1955, she never has granted an interview.

There is more bustle, more pomp and circumstance, at the Elysee now that de Gaulle, no figurehead like his predecessors, has moved in.

But Madame de Gaulle has made scarcely a splash. She still prefers to do her own shopping; entering and leaving the Elysee by the back door, rarely photographed and almost never recognized.

She stays away from official functions whenever possible, preferring to knit for her three grandsons. When she does attend, it is in the simple black dresses that de Gaulle prefers.

She remarked long ago that her ideal wardrobe would be "two black dresses—one on my back and one in the wash."

But duties of the first lady have obliged Madame de Gaulle to patronize the Paris high-fashion houses. However, she still prefers her own "little dressmaker."

Today she has a household budget of 70 million francs a year ($141,820), a staff of 140 secretaries, servants and sentries, enough Sevres china and solid gold and silver flatware to entertain 2,000 persons for cocktails or seat 40 at dinner.

The responsibility does not stagger her, for she is no stranger to state ceremonies. Her guests report that she says little at table, but has a way of saying a word or two that puts everyone completely at ease.

Her life, like her husband's, has had its share of triumph and tragedy and fateful coincidences.

She vowed as a schoolgirl she would "never marry a soldier," believing in the critic Sainte-Beuve's prescription for happiness: "to be born, live and die under the same roof."

But de Gaulle was "different." As an awkward young infantry captain, he spilled a cup of tea on her at their first meeting, proposed to her to the strains of the "Destiny Waltz" at their second, married her five months later at a heavily-attended, high bourgeoisie wedding at her ancestral church of Notre Dame de Calais.

There followed years of moving from one garrison town to another until at last the de Gaulles and their three children, Philippe (now a naval captain), Elisabeth (married an an army colonel) and Anne settled down in the country house at Colombey-Les-Deux-Eglises in 1934.

Then the war came, and the German invasion. De Gaulle caught the last plane for Bordeaux. Yvonne, the children, and their faithful maid Marguerite missed the next-to-last ship from Brest because their car broke down. They boarded the last ship with nothing but a picnic hamper and the clothes on their backs.

They learned when they got to Falmouth, England, that the next-to-last ship had been torpedoed.

She was grateful for the return to Colombey after the war, a return that had its own tragedy when their daughter, Anne, always sickly, died before reaching 20.

The de Gaulles founded the "Anne de Gaulle Home" for retarded children in her memory, financing it out of royalties from his memoires.

If she was sorry when it came time last year for de Gaulle to return to Paris and to power, Yvonne de Gaulle did not show it.

"Well, my dear," her husband is reported as saying to her, "we are returning." And she replied, "Off we go, then."

But she made two conditions:

That the gorgeously-uniformed republican guardsmen at the Elysee would not present arms every time she came in sight, and that at least once a month she and her husband would return to Colombey.

De Gaulle has fulfilled both conditions, and Madame de Gaulle has continued to fulfill her role as the retiring wife of the most famous Frenchman of his time.

The Theme Will Be Irish

Gay little Irish hats on shamrocks will decorate the tables at the luncheon to be given by Zi Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi on Saturday, March 7, in the Douglas room of the Hudson's Bay Company from 11 to 1.30 p.m. Members of the decorating committee responsible for the Irish theme are, from left to right, Mrs. J. P. R. Carrier, Mrs. F. A. E. Child, and Mrs. David Cutler.—(Colonist photo)

Auxiliary Diocesan Board

Indian School Gains

The Anglican Church Indian residential school at Alert Bay has once again benefited from the hard work of the B.C. Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary as its records show a total of $1,526 shipped in clothing, Christmas gifts and bedding.

This was included in the reports tabled yesterday as the Diocesan Board meets for its 55th annual meeting here in Victoria.

1,300 GARMENTS

More than 1,300 garments were sent to the children in residence, numbering between 215 and 250 including an outfit made by the GA and some used clothing.

The Dorcas secretary also reported donations were sent to All Saints' Hospital in Aklavik including toys, baby clothes and china and 23 Christmas stockings for the staff, all totalling $313; to Rev. E. Hyett at 'ort McPherson, a large crate of baby wear, quilts and 17 ditty bags for the girls at the hostel totalling $144; to the Columbia Coast Mission, Pender Harbor Hospital blankets, quilts and clothes totalling $67 and to Rev. J. Titus at Whaletown, clothing and bedding totalling $103.

The financial statement indicated a total of more than $4,143 was spent on general supplies and donations.

The meeting began yesterday morning with the celebration of holy communion by Archbishop H. E. Sexton followed by registration.

In the afternoon sessions the meeting heard from the Doicesan prayer partner secretary, Mrs. E. Millard, who reported 62 members with four new members; the united thank offering secretary, Mrs. A F. C. Watts, who announced a total of $3,139 received from various branches; the secretary-treasurer of the education department, Miss L. Helliwell, who reported the sale of 3,810 calendars and the receipt of $1,661 from various branch secretaries.

1,111 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Living message secretary, Mrs. C. N. Whipple, reported 1,111 subscriptions to the magazine.

Recording secretary, Miss Amy Hall indicated in her report an average attendance of 125 at each of the nine meetings held last year. Of the 158 branches represented, seniors, juniors, girls and little helpers, the membership last year was 4,896, an increase of 117 over the previous year.

Many orders and gifts were completed by members of the church furnishings committee, with a total of $296 sent in furnishings to points in B.C., the Yukon, Victoria, Nanaimo and the Northwest Territories.

CONTINUE TODAY

Sessions will continue today and tomorrow with several speakers.

A life membership was presented to Miss Isabella Hunt of St. John's Church, Ladysmith, B.C., and Miss D. E. Mitchell reported that there were 18 life memberships presented during the year.

PERSONAL MENTION

Guests of honor at a cocktail party this evening, given by members of the Officers' Club in HMC Dockyard, will be Rear Admiral B. R. Spencer, Chief of Naval Technical Services, Ottawa, and Mrs. Spencer who are visiting in Victoria this week. Other special guests will be Rear Admiral and Mrs. H. S. Rayner, Commodore and Mrs. J. Dean, Col. and Mrs. P. S. Cooper and Capt. and Mrs. E. Revfrem.

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Celebrating fifty years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Jeffrey held a family dinner at their Craigdarroch Road home last evening. The couple was married in Holland, Manitoba, and came to Victoria in 1953. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. Jeffrey, their daughter, Mrs. Lenabelle Moore, Mr. Thomas Thompson and Mr. A. L. Horton, all of Vegreville, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Horton, Comox; Mrs. Garry Gorseline, of Two Hills, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore and daughter, Trina Ellen, from Hope, B.C. Mr. J. S. Jeffrey, of Montreal, was unable to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poulson celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary with a party at the Sea View Room. They were married here in St. Aidan's Church. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Monks and Mr. and Mrs. George Poulson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Slade, of Ottawa, formerly of Victoria, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Judith Elizabeth, to Constable William Barry Beaulac, RCMP, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beaulac, of Manitoba. The wedding will be held in Cranbrook, B.C., at 7.30 p.m., on March 28, at Christ Church with the Rev. R. Brown officiating. The bride's only attendant will be her sister, Miss Sheila Slade, and best man and ushers will be fellow RCMP officers.

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The forthcoming marriage is announced between Mrs. Lillian Florence Holland, 3270 Cedar Hill Road, and Mr. Samuel Chalmers Ferguson, White Rock, B.C. The ceremony will take place on March 30 at 1 p.m. in Centennial United Church with the Rev. Douglas Carr officiating.

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Mr. and Mrs. Denis Mason Hurley with Freydis, Bobby and Tibbie have returned to "Glenduffe," their Shawnigan Lake home after a holiday spent skiing at Banff.

Land Returned --Or Is It?

Greater Victoria school board is giving the city back the old Rock Bay school property, it informed city council yesterday.

The city, however, may not be able to do anything with the property. City Manager C. C. Wyatt said it belonged to the Crown, not the city.

Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann: Girls of today smoke, swear, drink in bars, wear trousers, drive motorcycles and work alongside men in factories. Yet they feel insulted of they are not offered a seat on the bus. They complain men are rude. They say they want to be treated like ladies. Yet not one of the girls I take out will permit me to open a car door or help her with her coat.

When I tried to assist a young woman who was struggling to retrieve an earring which had fallen behind a piano, she pushed me aside and said "Thank heavens I still have my health!"

Last week I rose when my date returned from the powder room. She said "Where are you going?" I said "Nowhere." She asked "Why are you standing?" When I replied it was good manners to do so, she said, "Boy, are you square. Knock it, Clyde." (My name is Al.)

Have manners gone out of style? What's the word?—Al.

Raise Your Sights, Al

Dear Clyde—I mean Al: Manners are still very much in style, and ladies still like to be treated like ladies. The big question is, where do you find these piano-movers you've taking out? I suggest you raise your sights and take out girls who appreciate a gentleman.

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Dear Ann: This is not the kind of problem a person can discuss easily. I need help.

I've been married eight years and have three active children. My husband gets home from work at 4.45 in the afternoon. I'm rarely finished with the housework and dinner preparation by that time. He thinks I should drop everything the minute he walks into the house and make love to him.

When I tell him I have work to do, or I'm too tired, he acts like a three-year-old. He pouts and sulks, throws things around and slams doors. Sometimes he even walks out of the house and goes to the tavern for a beer.

What can I do with a man who is so childish and selfish? Please print your advice. I will show him the column——Jan.

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Dear Jan: You'll probably HIDE the column when you read the advice.

I suggest you reorganize your housework, sneak in a nap after lunch so you won't be tired, or just let a few things go.

There's more to being a good wife than waxing the linoleum.

My Head About to Pop

Dear Ann: Never thought I'D be writing to you, but then I'll bet everybody says that. I've had so much unsolicited advice from friends and relatives, my head is about to pop. Please, Ann, give me YOUR ideas.

I was very much in love with a girl before I left for the Navy. She was only 18 (I was 21) but I thought she was mature and knew what she wanted. She wrote wonderful letters and I dreamed of marrying her when I got out of the service.

Last week I was discharged. She met me at the bus depot, with my folks. She looked heavier and older, and didn't seem quite so gay. That night she told me she had had a baby less than six weeks before I got home. She says she was secretly married and divorced, but I don't believe it.

My folks say she's a tramp, and ran with every salesman who passed through town. They knew about the baby but didn't want to write me. When I asked her why she didn't write she said she wanted to tell me in person.

I can't bring myself to look at the baby. She wants to get married right away. I'm heartsick and undecided. What is your advice?—AWAY TOO LONG

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DON'T get married right away. Date others (and this one, too, if you feel like it) for at least six months. She sounds like a fifth-rate marriage risk at best. Watch out.

Dear Ann Landers: I was intrigued by the account of the young lady who was hit with the Buffalo telephone book. Please advise, was it the classified or unclassified edition?—21

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Dear 21: What a question! UNCLASSIFIED, of course!

To learn the difference between a marriage that "settles down" and one that "gets dull," send for Ann Landers' booklet, "What to Expect From Marriage," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Clubs and Societies

$25,000 Given For Solarium

Annual donations to Queen Alexandra Solarium by the Junior League are "appreciated" and totalled one-third of all the money contributed last year, said John Holdstock, solarium administrator.

The Junior League gave more than $25,000 for maintenance, Mr. Holdstock told the league's monthly meeting.

During the business meeting Mrs. Marion Heighes was elected representative on the board of directors. Mrs. Elsie Cooley, was voted in as new vice-president to complete the executive.

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St. David's

The Women's Guild, St. David's-by-the-Sea, will meet in the guild rooms on Tuesday, March 10, at 2.30 p.m.

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CNR Veterans

Friday will be ladies' day in the Knights of Phythias Hall as the CNR Veterans' Association meet at 2 p.m.

Married

Of interest here is the wedding which took place recently in California when Miss Norma Ann McPherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McPherson, Cook Street, Victoria, was married to Mr. Thomas Francis Greaves, son of Admiral and Mrs. F. C. Greaves of Saratoga, California. The bride is a 1955 graduate from the Royal Jubilee School of Nursing. The young people are making their home in Los Angeles.

Smart Set

by Laura Wheeler

What a clever arrangement of pineapples — they form a chair or buffet set, or smart oval doily.

Pattern 687: directions for 17½ x 12½-inch chair back, armrest 6x 12½, oval doily 17½ x 25 in No. 30. Matching round doily. Pattern 877, shown recently.

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67 Years of Marriage

Lots of Love Best Recipe For Good Life

Lots of love and a willingness to "give and take" was given Monday as a recipe for a long, happy married life.

At her 67th wedding anniversary celebration Mrs. James Small, of Manor Private Hospital, 338 Foul Bay, said "Now more than ever the world needs love."

For both "a happier world and marriage," the 85-year-old Mrs. Small prescribed "patience in good times and bad."

CHAIN BAKERIES

For 35 years her husband, now 86, operated a chain of bakeries in Victoria. He retired in 1945. "We have a lot to thank Victoria for," said Mrs. Small.

She and her husband were "thrilled" at congratulations received from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Premier W. A. C. Bennett, Defence Minister George Pearkes, Mayor and Mrs. Percy Scurrah, and A. C. DesBrisay, B.C. administrator.

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Let Me Go To Russia Mother Asks

EVERETT, Mass. (UPI)—An Everett mother has appealed to President Eisenhower to let her go to Russia to investigate first hand the fate of her son and 10 other Americans reported missing since their plane was shot down over Soviet Armenia last summer.

Mrs. Margaret Di Loreto wrote a letter to the president, saying she could not rest until her son, Airman Second Class Gerald C. Maggiacomo, 20, is found.

Maggiacomo was one of 11 Americans listed as missing after the Sept. 2 incident over Soviet territory. The bodies of the other six men reported aboard the plane were returned by the Russians.

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